



FREDDIE GEBHARD'S FIANCÉE.

Miss Morris, the Baltimore Beauty Whom He Will Soon Wed.

Like Barrie, Frederick Gebhard, the apparently incorrigible bachelor, clubman, horseman and erstwhile admirer of the Jersey Lily, is at last "willin'" to exchange the irresponsibilities of celibacy for the cares and responsibilities of wedlock. Miss Louise E. Morris, the society Pugoty who has won his heart, is a Baltimore belle, tall and divinely fair, blue-eyed, brown-haired and possessing such exquisitely classic features that she is said to closely resemble the pretties and most graceful woman Du Manier draws. She is the personification of youth, health and vitality, and as she is credited with possessing a sparkling wit there is doubtless much more humor in her than is to be found in the pictures she is said to resemble.

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MISS LOUISE MORRIS.

York, Newport and Baltimore society. At the brilliant parties given in the Madison Square assembly rooms for charity in New York last April, Miss Morris impersonated Queen Louise of Prussia. The little picture she appeared in was arranged after Mather's celebrated painting, which was afterward among the exhibits in the Art building at the World's fair. In the tableau Miss Morris represented the beautiful queen arrayed in an empire gown of surpassing loveliness and standing on a most picturesque pose on a marble staircase.

She was rapidly approached, and her beauty created a furor among the society people present. The Morris family is one of the oldest and wealthiest families in Maryland, and as Gebhard is a millionaire the young couple are well provided with this world's goods. Since Gebhard was first seen with the oracle beauty's charms three years ago he has been a changed man. He is reported to have forsaken all malt and spirituous liquors, turned his back on fast living and become as steady as the proverbial clock. In other words, he has entirely retired from the wild oats business, and as he is said to be a young man of actual ability and worth as well as wealth he will doubtless fill the rôle of Benedict very acceptably.

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Miss Alice Stone Blackwell is writing a biography of her famous mother.

Minnie Cleghorn, a schoolteacher at Wellington, O., is a second cousin of ex-Queen Liliuokalani.

Two granddaughters of Balfour, the composer of "The Bohemian Girl," are said to be living in poverty at Jersey City.

Louis Cyr, "the modern Samson," can lift 400 pounds with one finger. He also holds a 102 pound dumb-bell alarm's length with perfect ease.

Miss Mary Powell of New Castle, Ind., has attended school for nine years without being absent or tardy, walking nearly a mile to the schoolhouse.

Professor James of Harvard college has been elected president of the American Psychological association, and Professor Cattell of Columbia college has been made secretary.

Congressman Crain of Texas says that the people of Texas regard the Johnson family as Caesar regarded Gaul—divided into three kinds, the hived, the univided and the cross-hived.

One of the most spacious and elegant homes in Brooklyn, but in an old fashioned locality—Union street—is that belonging to Mrs. Strickland, who recently gave a reception to Mrs. Potter Palmer.

Ex-Senator Edmunds practices before the United States courts, chiefly the supreme court, utilizing in this way perhaps six months in the year. For the benefit of his daughter's health he spends a large part of each winter in Florida.

Signor Sciarino, who has been called to grapple with the perplexing problem of improving the Italian financial situation, is known among his countrymen as "the Englishman," on account of his manner and habits. As a matter of fact, however, he was born in Egypt, where his parents were resident at the time.

Since refitting our dining room we have the neatest place in the city, Whittier & Co., 730 Kansas avenue.

A NOTABLE CONVENTION.

The National American Woman Suffrage Association to Meet in Washington.

The twenty-sixth annual convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association will be held in Washington at Metzgeroff's Music Hall Feb. 16-20, inclusive.

The government's recognition of women in the board of managers for the World's Columbian exposition, the world's congress of representative women—the greatest convocation of woman ever assembled—the participation of women in the entire series of world's congresses, the gaining of woman suffrage in Colorado, give to our demand for political equality for women unprecedented prestige in the world of thought.

From this vantage ground let us assemble in our twenty-sixth annual convention to work for the realization of an ideal republic, with the assurance of success in the near future.

With the question of woman suffrage pending in Kansas and New York it is our manifest duty to concentrate our efforts upon those two states, and one business session of the convention will be devoted to the consideration of ways and means to further this object.

Besides the presidents of the auxiliary state associations the speakers invited are: Miss Fanny Zampini Sulzer of Italy and Miss Anna Kenny of Syria, who were delegates to the world's congress of representative women; Mrs. Carrie Lane Chapman, who was a most important factor in the Colorado victory; Rev. Marion Murdoch, Rev. Ida C. Hulth, Rev. Anna H. Shaw, Mrs. Elizabeth Boynton Harriet, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, Miss Mary H. Kroul, Mrs. Mary Lowe Dickinson, secretary of the King's Daughters; Mr. H. B. Blackwell, Mrs. Mary Seymour Howell and others.

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EARLY SPRING STYLES.

The costume on the right represents an empire cloth of brown, with panel of moss green. They are three skirts, each bordered with brown silk. The bodice is also trimmed with brown binding. The hand corsage given in the center is of lace, lace bow tied with a plain skirt and coat bosom. Blue milliner's folds of gray cloth trim the skirt. The costume on the left is of striped, divided, green and brown, bordered and trimmed with Persian moysilk. There is a panel and an inset of brown velvet. The skirt is slightly draped.

A CASE OF TRUE LOVE.

Although He Courted Others, His Heart Was Still True to Blanity.

It was a long, lank mountaineer Kentuckian who owned a creek farm, fairly well stocked, and he was not a bad fellow, though he did not go in the mountains, but he had no wife.

"How is it Jim?" I asked him one day. "that you don't marry?"

He started guiltily.

"Well, colonel," he said slowly, "you know Mandy Collins, don't you?"

"Yes."

"Well, I saw her three months ago, and she wouldn't have me."

"Why didn't you try somebody else?"

"I did, colonel—a fine gal down the creek, over right up to her, like a sick kitten to a hot brick, for a whole week, until one day along comes Mandy, an I axed her ag'in."

"What did she say?"

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